

What is Claimed:

1 1. A filtering system having a probe for coupling two resonators
2 comprising

3 an iris having the probe disposed therein coupled between the two
4 resonators; and

5 the probe having a transverse opening for receiving a tuning
6 conductor,

7 wherein the tuning conductor provides adjustable coupling between
8 the two resonators.

1 2. The system of claim 1 wherein

2 the tuning conductor is grounded at one end and provides a capacitive
3 coupling to ground between the two resonators.

1 3. The system of claim 1 wherein

2 the tuning conductor is transversely oriented to the probe, and

3 fixedly movable in the transverse opening of the probe to provide an
4 adjustable capacitance between the two resonators.

1 4. The system of claim 1 wherein

2 the tuning conductor is a center conductor of a coax line.

1 5. The system of claim 4 wherein

2 the coax line includes an outer dielectric sleeve, a coax shell, and a
3 shrink tubing, each surrounding the tuning conductor.

1 6. The system of claim 1 wherein

2 the tuning conductor is electrically insulated from the probe by a
3 dielectric material.

1 7. The system of claim 1 wherein

2 the tuning conductor is inserted in a transverse opening in a septum
3 separating the two resonators, and

4 the transverse opening of the septum is aligned to the transverse
5 opening of the probe.

1 8. The system of claim 1 wherein

2 the tuning conductor is surrounded by a coax shell, the coax shell
3 electrically connected to the probe, and

4 the probe is electrically insulated from the tuning conductor.

1 9. The system of claim 1 wherein

2 each of the two resonators includes a resonating rod disposed in a
3 waveguide section.

1 10. The system of claim 1 wherein

2 each of the two resonators includes a waveguide cavity.

1 11. The system of claim 1 wherein

2 each of the two resonators includes a dielectric resonator.

1 12. The system of claim 1 wherein

2 the tuning conductor is adjustably fixed with respect to the probe by a
3 set screw.

1 13. The system of claim 1 wherein

2 the probe includes an end disposed in one of the two resonators, and
3 the end of the probe and the one resonator form a capacitor.

1 14. The system of claim 1 wherein

2 the probe includes an end disposed in one of the two resonators, and
3 the end of the probe is coupled to a ground potential by a wire loop,
4 the wire loop forming a coil.

1 15. A filtering system having a plurality of resonators comprising
2 at least one probe extending between two resonators of the plurality of
3 resonators, and
4 a tuning conductor transversely oriented to the probe,
5 wherein the tuning conductor provides adjustable coupling between
6 the two resonators.

1 16. The system of claim 15 wherein
2 the tuning conductor is grounded at one end and provides a variable
3 capacitance to ground between the two resonators.

1 17. The system of claim 15 wherein
2 the tuning conductor is received in a transverse opening of the probe,
3 and
4 the tuning conductor is electrically insulated from the probe.

1 18. The system of claim 15 wherein
2 the two resonators are separated by a septum, and
3 the septum includes an iris for supporting the probe between the two
4 resonators.

1 19. The system of claim 15 wherein

2 each of the two resonators includes a resonating rod disposed in a
3 waveguide section.

1 20. The system of claim 15 wherein

2 each of the two resonators includes a dielectric resonator disposed in a
3 resonating cavity.

1 21. The system of claim 15 wherein

2 each of the two resonators includes a resonating cavity.